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SUBJECT: TRANSFER OF DUTCH MAP EQUIPMENT TO SURINAM

' THROUGH FMS PROGRAM

REFER: A) USCINCEUR MSG 141637Z NOVEMBER 74

B) MASM 5105 38-M PAR II

JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

1. USCINCEUR HAS INFORMED DOD THAT SURINAMESE ARMY IS INTERESTED IN ACQUIRING DUTCH-HELD MAP MATERIEL NOW IN SURINAM (REF. A). CONSENSUS HAS BEEN REACHED IN THE DEPARTMENT AND DOD THAT BEST WAY TO TRANSFER DUTCH-HELD MAP MATERIEL TO SURINAM IS BY ESTABLISHING ELIGIBILITY OF THIS COUNTRY TO PURCHASE DEFENSE ARTICLES UNDER THE FOREIGN MILI-
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TARY SALES ACT. SUCH COURSE OF ACTION IS BASED ON THE AS-

SUMPTIONS THAT, UPON ACHIEVING INDEPENDENCE, SURINAM WILL CONFIRM THIS INTEREST AND THAT A PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION ESTABLISHING FMS ELIGIBILITY IS OBTAINED.

2. DEPARTMENT CAN START PROCESSING PAPERS FOR SURINAM'S FMS ELIGIBILITY BEFORE INDEPENDENCE ON THE BASIS OF CURRENT SURINAMESE INTEREST (REF. A). PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION WOULD BE SOUGHT, TO TAKE EFFECT UPON PROCLAMATION OF INDEPENDENCE, PROVIDED ALL OTHER LEGAL REQUIREMENTS ARE MET IN ACCORDANCE WITH FMS ACT. IN ORDER TO PROCEED WITH PAPERWORK, POST REQUESTED TO SUBMIT RATIONALE TO JUSTIFY THE

FINDING THAT EXTENSION OF FMS ELIGIBILITY TO SURINAM "WILL STRENGTHEN THE SECURITY OF THE U.S. AND PROMOTE WORLD PEACE" REQUIRED BY SECTION 3(A) 1 OF THE FMS ACT.

3. UPON INDEPENDENCE OF SURINAM, THE FOLLOWING STEPS COULD BE TAKEN TO FACILITATE TRANSFER OF MATERIEL, ASSUMING THAT ELIGIBILITY OF SURINAM FOR FMS HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED. GON WOULD NOTIFY DOD THAT MAP MATERIEL IS EXCESS. (GON WOULD DELAY DECLARING MATERIEL EXCESS UNTIL SURINAM INDEPENDENCE.) DOD WOULD THEN ALLOCATE MATERIEL FOR FMS SALE TO SURINAM, EXTEND LETTER OF OFFER, AND GOS WOULD REIMBURSE DOD DIRECTLY.

4. FOR EMBASSY THE HAGUE AND USCINCEUR. REQUEST YOU MAKE COORDINATED APPROACH TO GON AND DISCUSS ABOVE STEPS AND THE FOLLOWING: TOTAL ACQUISITION COST OF ABOVE EQUIPMENT IN QUESTION IS DOLS. 247,712.00. USG COULD SELL THIS MATERIEL TO INDEPENDENT SURINAM UNDER FMS PROCEDURES AT FIVE PERCENT OF ACQUISITION COST, WHICH IS DOLS. 12,375.60, AFTER IT IS DECLARED EXCESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER K, PARA. 3 OF REF. B. ADDITIONALLY, SHOULD GON INQUIRE, IT SHOULD BE INFORMED OF IMPOSSIBILITY OF USG WAIVING PAYMENT FOR FMS SALE.

5. FYI DEPARTMENT HAS DISCARDED PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED APPROACH ENTAILING A POST-INDEPENDENCE REQUEST FROM GON FOR USG CONSENT TO THIRD-PARTY TRANSFER OF SPECIFIC ARTICLES (GENERATORS AND RECOILLESS RIFLES) TO SURINAM UPON A FIND-CONFIDENTIAL

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ING BY THE SECRETARY OR UNDER SECRETARY FOR SECURITY ASSISTANCE. THIS APPROACH WOULD BE LIMITED IN SCOPE TO SPECIFIC ITEMS AND WOULD NOT BE APPLICABLE TO OTHER TRANSFERS GENERALLY. KISSINGER

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